

Genre

What kind of book are you in the mood for? Do you want a scary book, a funny book or a fact book?

Dip In

You wouldn't jump into a pool without testing the water. Open up the book and read a few sentences. Ask yourself does this sound interesting? Does it make me want to carry on?

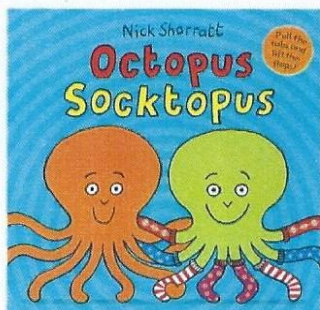


Recommendations

What would your friends recommend? Or your teacher? Check in with them

Check out the cover

There are loads of clues on the cover to help you choose a book. Ask yourself: Does this look interesting? Do I like the title? Do I like the author/illustrator? Do I like other books that look similar? Don't forget to check out the back too!



How to choose a good book



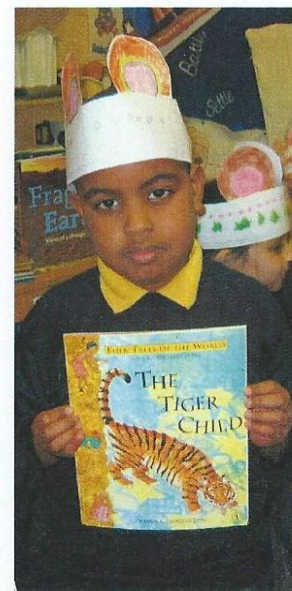
The Five Finger Rule

Choose a page in a book and start with an open hand. If you find a word you don't know put a finger down. If by the end of the page you have a fist it's probably too hard. If you didn't struggle with any of the words it might be too easy.



Find a "just right" book

Find a book that fits with a little bit of room to grow. Too easy and you'll get bored. Too difficult and you won't get anything out of it.



Know what you don't like

There are some books that are just not interesting to you. If you don't know what book to pick try getting rid of ones on subjects you really don't care about and choose from what's left